

# CITY OF DUPONT'S WEEKLY BITS & BYTES

Friday, October 27, 2023



# Parks and Recreation





# Downtown Trick or Treating

As we turn the pages to October, this means downtown Trick or Treating in DuPont! Keeping with tradition, Parks & Recreation will host downtown Trick or Treating on Tuesday, October 31, from 3:00 PM-5:00 PM along Wilmington Drive. Families are all invited to Trick or Treat safely and responsibly on Halloween in our local businesses. We are often asked why we don't extend our Trick or Treating along Wilmington Drive to later in the evening. We end this annual event at 5:00 PM out of respect to our business owners who also have families at home to celebrate the holiday with. We want them to be able to be home at a reasonable hour to enjoy time with their friends and families as well. If you see a business owner along the way, please be sure to thank them for opening their doors to the community on this special day.

Event info can be found here: Events | DuPont, WA - Official Website (dupontwa.gov)





# Parks and Recreation

City of DuPont Parks & Recreation Is currently seeking creative and talented instructors for classes and workshops

We are looking for fun, energetic individuals who would love to teach classes for Parks & Recreation AND earn a little money while doing it!

Questions? Please contact Amy Walker at awalker@dupontwa.gov

We can't wait to hear from you!



#### 2023/2024 Dance Classes

Registration for the 2023/2024 dance season is open with Valor School of Dance! Parks & Recreation is pleased to partner with Valor for another year of quality dance instruction for our families right here in DuPont at our Community Center in historic DuPont. Our dance program continues to grow at astonishing rates and we are expanding our programs to meet the need. Registration info can be found here: Classes | DuPont, WA - Official Website (dupontwa.gov)



# Youth Basketball Registration

Late registration for Youth Basketball for the 2023/2024 season for grades K thru 9 will remain open through October 31. This is our largest youth sports program of the year and we are in need of lots of helping hands. If you are interested in coaching, scorekeeping, etc., please contact Amy Walker @ awalker@dupontwa.gov and we will put you in touch with the right folks! Practices are scheduled to start December 4th and will run through the end of February. All frequently asked questions and the registration link can be found here:

Youth Sports | DuPont, WA - Official Website (dupontwa.gov)



# Save the Date! **Annual Tree Lighting** Ross Plaza Friday, December 1

# **Community News**





# **MUNICIPAL POSITION OPENING! - Planning Commission**

The City of DuPont is looking for a citizen to fill a vacant position on the Planning Commission. The purpose of the Planning Commission is to advise the City Council on General Land Use, Growth Management, Long-Range Capital Improvement Plans, and Transportation Planning.

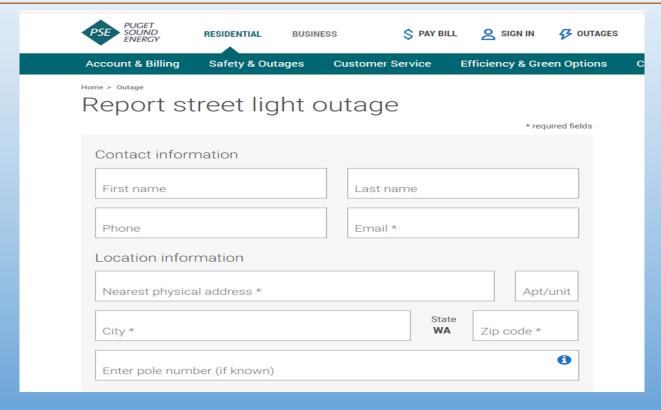
For citizens interested in applying, detailed information about the Planning Commission's responsibilities and meeting times can be found on the City's website at <a href="https://www.dupontwa.gov/83/Commissions">https://www.dupontwa.gov/83/Commissions</a>.

The current application can be found at: https://www.dupontwa.gov/512/Vacancies.



# **Street Light Outages**

Do you see a broken or dark street light? Did you know that Puget Sound Energy maintains these lights? The most direct way to report an issue is to go directly to the Puget Sound Energy link <a href="PSE | Report a Street Light Problem">PSE | Report a Street Light Problem</a>, and complete the form. There is other helpful information on the City's website under "How Do I".



# **Lodging Tax Advisory Committee Grant Applications Now Open!**

City of DuPont LTAC grant applications (for activities in 2024) will be accepted from October 23, 2023, until November 8, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. Applications submitted after the deadline will not be considered for grant funding. To apply, click here.

LTAC grant funding is available to non-profits and public agencies for projects that assist with tourism development and promotion in the City of DuPont. The grant program is made possible through taxes paid by consumers when they stay in paid lodging in the City of DuPont and overseen by the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee.

Lodging **Tax Advisory** Committee Grant **Applications** 



To learn more about LTAC Grants read the Grant Guidelines (PDF). More information can be found on the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee Page.

# **DuPont Historical Museum**

# Historical Society Book Signing Letters from Baghdad

Coming in November, former DuPont Mayor Mike Courts will be conducting a book signing for his new book Letters from Baghdad Vol. 1: Tea with Terrorists. The book dives into Col (Ret) Courts' first year in Baghdad and gives insights into the daily life of a staff officer. The event will be held on Nov. 6th at 7pm at the DuPont Historical Museum. This event is open to the public and there is no cost to attend. For more information visit the museum website at:

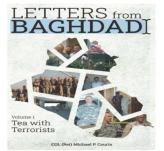
https://www.dupontmuseum.com/events

DuPont Historical Museum honors Veterans Day

## **Reading & book signing by Mike Courts**

Letters from Baghdad Vol. 1 chronicles COL (Ret) Mike Courts' first year in Baghdad 2006-07.

Mike describes his team and life working in the "The Palace." Told in real time, Letters from Baghdad combines the serious issues of the war, insights into daily life of a staff officer, and humor into a compelling narrative of this critical period.



7:00 p.m. Monday, Nov. 6, 2023 DuPont Museum 207 Barksdale Ave. DuPont WA

A resident of DuPont, Mike Courts was raised in an Army family and graduated from the US Military Academy at West Point. Mike is a career Army Aviator who has two tours each in Bosnia-Herzegovina and Iraq. He was DuPont City Counciliman 2012-15 and Mayor 2016-19. He is married to Robbie B. Courts and has two children.



DupontHistoricalMuseum@gmail.com (253) 820-3656 www.dupontmuseum.com







**AUGUST 2023** 

# I-5 - Mounts Rd. to Steilacoom-DuPont Rd. Corridor Improvements

Beginning in late summer 2023, contractor crews working for the Washington State Department of Transportation will begin construction on Interstate 5 in DuPont near Joint Base Lewis-McChord. This is the third in a series of projects that widens I-5 to add HOV lanes between DuPont and Lakewood.

# Improvements coming to DuPont and JBLM

In addition to extending the I-5 HOV lanes, construction crews will make improvements that enhance mobility and safety in DuPont and near the JBLM DuPont Gate at exit 119, including:

- A new bridge spanning I-5 and the railroad.
   The new bridge will feature a partial Diverging Diamond Interchange and a shared-use path for pedestrians and bicyclists between JBLM and DuPont.
- Direct access between JBLM and both directions of I-5
- A new roundabout connecting Steilacoom-DuPont Road and the new overpass.

The project will also add a new signal at the intersection of the southbound I-5 off-ramp at Mounts Road (exit 116) and improve the I-5 vertical clearance over Pendleton Avenue.

#### What you can expect

Construction will begin in summer 2023 and is expected to be complete in 2026. The project consists of multiple stages that involve overnight and weekend ramp closures, lane shifts onto temporary pavement, potential speed limit reductions, and bicycle and pedestrian detours. Crews will contain dust and debris to the construction site and will intimize noise as much

DuPont

Joint Base Lewis-McChord

The project extends HOV lanes in both directions into DuPont.

## Stay connected

Follow us on Twitter @WSDOT\_Tacoma

Check out our Facebook page: facebook.com/WSDOT

Project hotline: 206-467-2171

Scan the QR code or visit: wsdot. wa.gov/construction-planning/ search-projects/i-5-mounts-rdsteilacoom-dupont-rd-corridorimprovements



For updated weekly ramp and lane

closure schedules, visit: wsdot.com/Travel/Real-time/

as practical. Clear signage will indicate required detours throughout the project.

Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Information: This material can be made available in an alternate format by emailing the Office of Equity and Civil Rights at wsdotada@wsdot. wa.gov or by calling toll free, 855-362-4ADA(4232). Persons who are deaf or hard of hearing may make a request by calling the Washington State Relay at 711.

Title VI Notice to Public: It is the Washington State Department of Transportation's (WSDOT) policy to assure that no person shall, on the grounds of race, color, national origin, as provided by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise discriminated against under any of its programs and activities. Any person who believes his/her Title VI protection has been violated, may file a complaint with WSDOT's Office of Equity and Civil Rights (OECR). For additional information regarding Title VI complaint procedures and/or information regarding our non-discrimination obligations, please contact OECR's Title VI Coordinator at (360) 705-7090. 23-08-0293

## WSDOT: I-5 Mounts Rd to Steilacoom-DuPont Road Corridor Improvements outreach links:

# Online open house:

https://engage.wsdot.wa.gov/i-5-mounts-to-steilacoom-dupont-rd/

#### **WSDOT Blog:**

https://wsdotblog.blogspot.com/2023/09/i-5-hov-dupont-jblm.html

#### YouTube:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IIDRY3j6DNI&t=1s

The WSDOT Facebook page also has a post linking the blog and online open house:

https://www.facebook.com/WSDOT/

# **Public Services**

# TRAFFIC ALERT!

A Comcast contractor is scheduled to do work in the right-of-way in a section of Center Drive from October 9<sup>th</sup> - November 10<sup>th</sup>. They will also be directing traffic on DuPont-Steilacoom Road for turns onto Center Drive. Their work hours will be 7:30 AM – 3:00 PM. Westbound Center Drive and northbound DuPont-Steilacoom Road will be reduced to one lane during these times. Please be cautious, patient, and follow all traffic instructions in this work zone. Thank you for your patience!



## **PUBLIC SERVICES - POLITICAL SIGNS**

As election time gets closer, temporary political signs are being placed throughout the City. Following these types of sign requirements are essential for pedestrian and driver safety. Specifically, signs in locations that interfere with the site distance of pedestrians or motorists proceeding on or approaching public streets, intersections, alleys, driveways, parking areas, or sidewalks are not allowed.

Site distance can be determined by drawing an imaginary line that is 30' from the intersecting point of two sides of the right of way as shown in the graphic. All signs must be outside of this "site distance triangle". Signs that are placed within the site distance triangle will be removed and held at the City of DuPont Public Works and Maintenance Facility (301 Louviers Ave.) for pick up Monday- Friday between 8am-3pm.

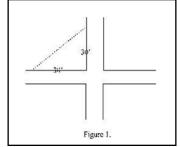
Signs must be removed within five working days following an election.

DuPont Municipal Code (DMC) DMC 25.110.010 and 25.116.110 can be found at these links:

https://www.codepublishing.com/WA/DuPont/#!/DuPont25/ DuPont25110.html#25.110

https://www.codepublishing.com/WA/DuPont/#!/DuPont25/ DuPont25116.html#25.116.110





# **Public Services**

# **Fall Leaves**

We'll all agree the fall-colored leaves bring added beauty to the wonderful City of DuPont, yet they also cause a lot of yard work. Please be responsible for the leaves that fall in your yard and on the sidewalks in front of your homes, and do not blow them into the street. Instead, please put them in your yard waste receptacles. Work with your neighbors to make sure storm drains are clear. Keeping leaves raked and cleaned up will keep gutters and streets from filling up with water. Street sweepers will be coming by in the coming weeks (please see schedule below), so let's do our part to help ensure the streets are clear of leaves and debris. Thank you, residents!



# 2023 Street Sweeping

Below is the street sweeping schedule for October and November. The schedule is subject to change if the sweeper breaks down or the schedule unexpectedly changes.

## October 23 – 27

Wilmington Drive
Center Drive
Yehle Village
Hoffman Hill

# October 30 - November 3

Wilmington Drive
Steilacoom/DuPont Road
Palisade Division

## **November 6 – 9 (Holiday 11/10)**

Center Drive
McNeil St.
Historic Village
Bell Hill
Edmond Village
Savannah Oaks
El Rancho Madronna

#### **November 13 - 17**

Wilmington Drive Palisade Division Yehle Village Hoffman Hill

# November 20 - 22 (Holiday 11/23 & 11/24)

Wilmington Drive Center Drive McNeil St.

## November 27 - December 1

Historic Village Bell Hill Edmond Village Savannah Oaks El Rancho Madronna

Steilacoom/DuPont Rd.

# CITY OF DUPONT WATER MAIN FLUSHING



The City of DuPont periodically flushes the pipes in our water system to remove rust and sediment, which helps ensure you receive clean, reliable water. Flushing forces high-velocity flows through the pipes and out through fire hydrants. Along with scouring the inside of water mains, this also helps us find and repair malfunctioning valves and hydrants before they cause problems. Water department crews will likely begin flushing in October 2023 and should complete the program in early 2024.

# What to Expect-

- During flushing, you might see utility crews working at hydrants and valves in intersections and at the end
  of cul-de-sacs.
- Your water pressure may decrease during flushing, and you may see discoloration. This is temporary, not harmful and should clear up quickly.
- Avoid running the tap or turning on appliances that use water, such as dishwashers and clothes washers, when flushing is happening in your area.
- If you get discolored water or find sediment in your water, remove any aerators from your faucets and run the cold tap for a few minutes or until the water runs clear.
- Make sure your first load of laundry after flushing is dark clothes only.

If you have questions during normal business hours about our flushing programs, or if your water does not clear up within a short time after flushing is completed, please contact our Water Quality Section at (253) 964-8121 or <a href="mailto:publicworks@dupontwa.gov">publicworks@dupontwa.gov</a>.

After business hours, call the Public Works Afterhours Emergency Contact Line at (253) 912-5389.

# **DuPont Parks & Trails**

Did you know the City of DuPont has over 12 miles of maintained trails and nearly 20 developed park spaces? Or that there is a Community Garden or an off-leash dog park? You can discover all these places and more by using our City website's Parks & Facilities portal! The City Parks and the City Trails links use the same master search function that allows you to search by amenities or even trail difficulty! Whatever you select as a feature, only parks or trails that have that feature will populate! Looking for an easy trail with a water view? Select "water view" and "trail-easy," which will only bring up those trails! Are you looking for a park with a playground but also a bathroom? Search both of those features, and only those specific parks will show.

Discover a new park, a trail, or Community Garden, and explore these portals! <a href="https://dupontwa.gov/198/Parks-Facilities">https://dupontwa.gov/198/Parks-Facilities</a>





Use the Master Search to find parks and trails with certain amenities. Click on "Features" (you may need to first click "Find a Facility"), select the features you want to search for and then close that screen. Click "search"

# **DuPont Fire Department**

**Response Information:** The table below shows general responses. Details, if needed, are listed to better explain the response. The yellow highlighted areas in the "Current" column are statistics from the past week and the "Year" statistics include all responses since January 1<sup>st</sup> of this year.



(Category) Description Details	Current	Year
(10) Fire, other		4
(11) Structure Fire		4
(13) Mobile property (vehicle) fire		7
(14) Natural vegetation fire		11
(15) Outside rubbish fire		0
(25) Excessive heat, scorch burns with no ignition		1
(30) Rescue, emergency medical call (EMS), other		2
(31) Medical assist		16
(32.1) Emergency medical service (EMS) incident	12	498
(32.2) Motor vehicle accident with injuries	1	33
(33) Lock-In		0
(35) Extrication, rescue		1
(36) Water or ice-related rescue		2
(40) Flammable gas or liquid condition, other		0
(41) Combustible/flammable spills & leaks		6
(42) Chemical Release, reaction or toxic condition		3
(44) Electrical wiring/equipment problem		1
(50) Service call, other		46
(51) Person in distress		9
(52) Water Problem		1
(53) Smoke, odor problem		2
(54) Animal problem or rescue		1
(55) Public service assistance		34
(56) Unauthorized burning		1
(60) Good intent call, other		9
(61) Dispatched and canceled en route		44
(62) Wrong location, no emergency found		2
(65) Steam, other gas mistaken for smoke		12
(66) EMS call-transported by non-fire agency		1
(70) False alarm and false call, other	1	14
(71) Malicious, mischievous false alarm		3
(73) System or detector malfunction		31
(74) Unintentional system/detector operation (no fire)		14
(91) Citizen complaint		2
Unknown		0
TOTALS	14	815

Transport	Current	Year
Allenmore		1
Madigan	6	103
Mary Bridge	1	55
St. Clare	3	107
St. Joseph	2	35
St. Peters		10
Tacoma General	1	13
TOTAL	13	324

ALS	324
BLS	193

Calls by time of day (8-hr blocks):		
0000-0759	3	163
0800-1649	6	387
1700-2359	5	265
TOTAL	14	815

Calls by day of the week:		
Sunday	2	94
Monday	1	100
Tuesday	3	113
Wednesday	1	145
Thursday	1	139
Friday	5	112
Saturday	1	112
TOTAL	14	815

Mutual Aid / Multiple Calls:		
DPF Received		59
DPF Provided	1	50
Multiple Calls		98

# Safety Message - Halloween Safety Tips

#### Walk Safely

- Cross the street at corners, using traffic signals and crosswalks.
- Look left, right and left again when crossing and keep looking as you cross.
- Put electronic devices down and keep heads up and walk, don't run, across the street.
- Teach children to make eye contact with drivers before crossing in front of them.
- Always walk on sidewalks or paths. If there are no sidewalks, walk facing traffic as far to the left as possible. Children should walk on direct routes with the fewest street crossings.
- Watch for cars that are turning or backing up. Teach children to never dart out into the street or cross between parked cars.



Everyone loves a good scare on Halloween, but not when it comes to child safety. There are several easy and effective behaviors that parents can share with kids to help reduce their risk of injury.



# Drive Extra Safely on Halloween

Halloween Safety Tips

- Slow down and be especially alert in residential neighborhoods. Children are excited on Halloween and may move in unpredictable ways.
- Take extra time to look for kids at intersections, on medians and on curbs.
- Enter and exit driveways and alleys slowly and carefully.
- Eliminate any distractions inside your car so you can concentrate on the road and your surroundings.
- Drive slowly, anticipate heavy pedestrian traffic and turn your headlights on earlier in the day to spot children from greater distances.
- Popular trick-or-treating hours are 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. so be especially alert for kids during those hours.

# **DuPont Fire Department**

# Safety Message - Halloween Safety Tips continued.....

## Trick or Treat With an Adult

 Children under the age of 12 should not be alone at night without adult supervision. If kids are mature enough to be out without supervision, remind them to stick to familiar areas that are well lit and trick-ortreat in groups.

## Keep Costumes Both Creative and Safe

- Decorate costumes and bags with reflective tape or stickers and, if possible, choose light colors.
- Choose face paint and makeup whenever possible instead of masks, which can obstruct a child's vision.
- Have kids carry glow sticks or flashlights to help them see and be seen by drivers.
- When selecting a costume, make sure it is the right size to prevent trips and falls.





On average, children are more than twice as likely to be hit by a car and killed on Halloween than on any other day of the year.

For more information visit **Safe Kids** 





# **DuPont Police Department**



# **Weekly Activity Report**

Duty \* Professionalism \* Dedication



# Total Calls for Service 10/16/23 – 10/22/23: 227 Average per day: 32.42

The "Total Calls for Service" statistic above includes, but is not limited to, the following incidents:

## **EMERGENCY & PATROL INCIDENTS**

- 03 Citizen Assist
- 10 Community Oriented Policing
- 04 Agency Assist
- 01 Juvenile Problem
- 01 Motor Vehicle Collision
- 01 Found Narcotics
- 01 Runaway (located)
- 01 Suicide Threat
- 03 Suspicious Vehicle
- 50 Traffic Stops
- 01 Traffic Complaint
- 01 Unwanted Person
- 01 Parking Complaint
- 04 Welfare Check
- 01 Civil Standby

# **PROPERTY & OTHER CRIMES**

- 01 Commercial Burglary
- 01 Motor Vehicle Collision/Hit & Run
- 01 Motor Vehicle Theft
- 03 Vandalism

## **CRIMES AGAINST PERSONS**

- O1 Domestic Violence/Assault 4th Degree, Interfering with Reporting of Domestic Violence, Exposing Minor Child to Domestic Violence
- 02 Violence of Protection Order

# **ARRESTS/REFERRALS**

O1 Domestic Violence/Assault 4th Degree, Interfering with Reporting of Domestic Violence, Exposing Minor Child to Domestic Violence—booked into jail

## **DEPARTMENT NEWS**

- An officer attended leadership training.
- Speed emphases were conducted throughout the city.
- Officers completed online training.
- DuPont officers greeted students, parents, and staff at the local schools.



## REPORTING AN INCIDENT? NEED AN OFFICER?

- To report an emergency, dial 9-1-1
- To report a non-emergency, dial (253) 287-4455
- If you aren't sure, let us help you by dialing (253) 964 -7060

If you have non-urgent questions, suggestions, want to file a complaint or commend a D.P.D. staff member, we appreciate the opportunity to assist you. You may reach us via email at <a href="mailto:Police@dupontwa.gov">Police@dupontwa.gov</a> or by telephone at (253) 964-7060.

# **DOWNLOAD THE DUPONT POLICE APP TODAY!**









# City Council and Calendars

## 10/24/2023 Regular Council Meeting agenda overview:

#### Presentations:

Lance Holman of Holman Capital presented information with the Council regarding private funding sources. Appointments:

Larry Wilcox was appointed to the Civil Service Commission and Bedez Carter was appointed to the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee.

#### Approval of the Consent Agenda Items:

Resolution No. 23-015 Waiving fees for certain City projects.

#### **New Business:**

Resolution No. 23-016 Amending Resolution No. 23-014; authorizing a budget adjustment to increase the maximum salary cap for the City Administrator position.

Study Session: Director Oaksmith gave a financial update; Attorney Karg reviewed the draft legislative priorities; and Director Kincaid and Administrator Takata presented information regarding possible levy and/or bond items.

#### **Helpful Meeting Links:**

- City of DuPont Meetings can be watched live or later at: City's YouTube channel: (https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCI-nrLK1wNfpg3 CeNJw40A).
- Regular Council Meetings can be watched live or later at the City's YouTube channel and/or at: Pierce County TV (https://www.piercecountytv.org/1306/DuPont-Live-Meetings).
- Agendas, once published, are officially posted on the bulletin board at City Hall and available  $\Diamond$ at the following link: <a href="https://dupont.civicweb.net/filepro/documents/777/">https://dupont.civicweb.net/filepro/documents/777/</a>.
- Minutes, after they are passed, are available at: https://dupont.civicweb.net/filepro/documents/7/.

Regular City Council meetings begin at 6:00 PM on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month.

Published agendas can be found on the website's homepage; click on the meeting date on the City of DuPont Calendar and then "Download Agenda".



Date	Time	UPCOMING MEETINGS
10/30/2023	6:00 PM	Park & Recreation Commission Meeting
11/10/2023		City Hall CLOSED
11/13/2023	5:00 PM	Tree Advisory Commission Meeting
11/13/2023	6:30 PM	Planning Commission Meeting
11/14/2023	11:00 AM	Civil Service Commission
11/14/2023	6:00 PM	City Council Meeting
11/23-11/24/23		City Hall CLOSED in celebration of Thanksgiving

Date	ACTIVITIES - SAVE THE DATE!	Location/Information
10/31/2023	Downtown Trick or Treating	https://www.dupontwa.gov/195/Events
11/6/2023	Reading & Book Signing	https://www.dupontmuseum.com/events
11/19/2023	Board Game Day	https://www.dupontmuseum.com/events
12/1/2023	Annual Tree Lighting	Save the Date!
12/2/2023	Santa Breakfast	https://www.dupontwa.gov/195/Events
12/17/2023	Board Game Day	https://www.dupontmuseum.com/events

#### **UPCOMING OFFICE CLOSURES**

Reminder: City Hall will be closed November 10<sup>th</sup> in honor of Veterans Day and November 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> in celebration of Thanksgiving.

